



Education Report: Te Ahu o te Reo Māori February to June 2020 Orientation Days and Graduation Ceremonies

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Purpose of report

This report provides you with information about the orientation days and graduation ceremonies for Te Ahu o te Reo Māori from February to June 2020.

Agree that this Briefing will be proactively released.

Agree / Disagree

Summary

- The Government has committed to creating more opportunities for all New Zealanders to learn te reo Māori and for te reo Māori to be an integral part of all students' learning by 2025. As a Treaty partner, the Government also has an obligation to protect and promote te reo Māori as a taonga, guaranteed under the Treaty of Waitangi.
- Te Ahu o te Reo Māori demonstrates a strong commitment by the Government to strengthen and grow an education workforce that can integrate te reo Māori into the learning of all ākonga in Aotearoa New Zealand by 2025.

- In 2019, Te Ahu o te Reo Māori was tested in Waikato, Taranaki-Whanganui, Kapiti-Horowhenua-Porirua, and Te Waipounamu, with 685 participants involved across these four regions. Preliminary feedback shows testing in the four regions was successful.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- note** the dates of the orientation and graduation ceremonies for Te Ahu o te Reo Māori 2020; Noted
- indicate** your availability to attend orientation days and graduation ceremonies; and Noted
- agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released. Agreed / Not-agreed


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Background

1. The Government has committed to creating more opportunities for all New Zealanders to learn te reo Māori and for te reo Māori to be an integral part of all students' learning by 2025. As a Treaty partner, the Government also has an obligation to protect and promote te reo Māori as a taonga, guaranteed under the Treaty of Waitangi.
2. In November 2019, you agreed that we would continue to deliver Te Ahu o te Reo Māori in the current four test regions with a total participant target of 600 from February to June 2020 [METIS 1209791 refers].
3. On Saturday 14 December 2019 at the Waikato-Tainui College for Research & Development, Hopuhopu, you announced via your pre-recorded message Te Ahu o te Reo Māori delivery in the first half of 2020 and the opening of registrations on Monday 16 December [METIS1212760 refers]. This coincided with the last graduation ceremony for Te Ahu o te Reo Māori 2019.
4. To date, we have received 498 registrations for Te Ahu o te Reo Māori February – June 2020. We are tracking as expected to meet the 600 participants across all regions. We, along with our providers now look forward to implementing our delivery plans, beginning with orientation days in each region.

Orientation Days

5. Providers will organise and lead a day to meet and prepare participants for delivery. The day will begin with a pōhiri/whakatau, followed by a range of activities that may include:
 - a. An overview of regional delivery model
 - b. Sample workshops and learning activities
 - c. Guest speakers
 - d. Finalising regional delivery components, including online learning and class cohorts.
6. Details for orientation day for each region are outlined below and will be attended by Ministry staff.
7. Please indicate your availability to attend by ticking the appropriate boxes. We will work with your office on arrangements for the orientation days you are able to attend.

Ngāi Tahu (South Island)			Available	Unavailable
Tuesday 4 February (Ōtautahi cohort1)	4.00pm – 8.00pm	Te Whare o Te Waipounamu, Ōtautahi		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 11 February (Ōtautahi cohort 2)	4.00pm – 8.00pm	Te Whare o Te Waipounamu, Ōtautahi		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 4 or 11 February (Ōtākou cohort)	4.00pm – 8.00pm	To be advised		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			Available	Unavailable
Saturday 22 February (Arowhenua cohort)	8.30am – 4.30pm	Arowhenua Marae, Temuka		✓
Saturday 22 February (Muriwhenua cohort)	8.30am – 4.30pm	Waihopai Marae, Invercargill		✓
Te Tonga (Bulls-Wellington)			Available	Unavailable
Saturday 22 February	8.30am – 4.00pm	El Rancho, Waikanae		✓
Te Taiuru (Taranaki-Whanganui)			Available	Unavailable
Sunday 23 February	8.30am – 4.00pm	Aotearoa Marae, Okaiawa	✓	
Tainui (Waikato)			Available	Unavailable
Friday 6 March	8.30am – 4.30pm	Waikato-Tainui College for Research and Development, Hopuhopu		✓

could divert from Auckland

Graduation Ceremonies

- Delivery in all four regions will conclude with a graduation ceremony to acknowledge and celebrate participant completion.
- Participants will receive a certificate, a commemoration pin, and other taonga, in recognition of their achievements.
- Graduation ceremonies are outlined below and will be attended by whānau, hapū, iwi and Ministry staff.
- Please indicate your availability by ticking the appropriate boxes. We will work with your office on arrangements for graduation ceremonies you are able to attend.

Ngāi Tahu (South Island)			Available	Unavailable
Saturday 13 June	4.00pm – 8.00pm	Temuka		✓
Saturday 13 June	4.00pm – 8.00pm	Invercargill		✓
Thursday 11 June	4.00pm – 8.00pm	Ōtautahi	✓	
Thursday 11 June	4.00pm – 8.00pm	Ōtākou	✓	

Te Tonga (Bulls-Wellington)			Available	Unavailable
Sunday 21 June	9.00am – 4.00pm	El Rancho, Waikanae	✓	
Te Taiuru (Taranaki-Whanganui)			Available	Unavailable
Sunday 21 June	9.00am – 4.00pm	TSB Hub, Te Hāwera	✓	
Tainui (Waikato)			Available	Unavailable
Friday 15 May	6.00pm – 9.00pm	Waikato-Tainui College for Research and Development, Hopuhopu		✓

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Proactive Release

12. We recommend that this Briefing is proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.